

Appl. No. 09/705,035

## REMARKS

Applicants are submitting herewith a preliminary amendment in furtherance of Applicants' request for continued examination that was filed on August 9, 2004 regarding the above-referenced patent application. As indicated above, Applicants have changed the claim status identifiers for claims 9-12. This is in response to the Examiner's comments for the Advisory Action issued on July 22, 2004. See, paper no. 15, page 2. Thus, Applicants believe that the claim status identifiers are correct and further request that the claims as indicated in this preliminary amendment along with Applicants' amendment previously submitted on December 8, 2003 be entered and considered on the merits. Applicants further note that the changes to the claims as indicated above were made for clarifying purposes and further should not be deemed too narrow and/or disclaim any claimed subject matter in view of same. If the Patent Office should have any questions regarding this communication, Applicants kindly request that the undersigned attorney of record be contacted directly in order to resolve any outstanding issues in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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